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No. 20-55770

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

TIMOTHY ROBBINS, et al., Respondents-Appellants,

V.

ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ, et al., Petitioners-Appellees.

On Appeal from the United States District Court, Central District of California No. CV 07-3239-TJH (RNB)

JOINT MOTION FOR 90 DAY EXTENSION TO FILE PETITION FOR PANEL REHEARING OR REHEARING EN BANC

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AVA GUO aguo@sidley.com SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP 1501 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 Telephone: (202) 736-8000 Facsimile: (202) 736-8711 The parties respectfully request that this Court extend the deadline to file the Petition for Panel Rehearing or Rehearing En Banc (PFR/EB) by 90 days to afford the parties time to explore settlement negotiations. The Court granted the parties' two prior requests for an extension of the PFR/EB deadline.

The Memorandum in this Case was issued on October 19, 2021 (Dkt. 30). The parties first requested an extension from this Court on November 9, 2021, which was granted on November 10, 2021 (Dkt. 32). The parties submitted a second request for an extension on March 1, 2022, which the Court approved on March 21, 2022. The current due date for the PFR/EB is June 1, 2022. The parties respectfully request that the due date be extended by 90 days to August 30, 2022.

Good cause exists for this request. As previously disclosed to this Court, the parties agreed to mediate this matter under the supervision of a federal magistrate judge. The first formal mediation session was scheduled for April 26, 2022. However, due to illness, the magistrate judge was forced to reschedule the conference. The parties are considering dates in mid and late June for the rescheduled mediation. In the interim, the parties have engaged in extensive discussions over potential paths to settlement, including a Zoom meeting on February 9, 2022, attended by Plaintiffs' counsel, Defendants' counsel, and Defendant agency personnel. The parties intend to continue their informal negotiations prior to the rescheduled mediation.

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Given the important interests at stake and the complexity of the issues for

consideration, the parties require additional time to determine whether a settlement

can be reached. A potential settlement may resolve all, or parts, of Petitioners'

claims, including to the relief at issue in this appeal. As such, the parties agree that

judicial economy would be best served by continuing to engage in settlement

negotiations.

For the foregoing reasons, the parties respectfully request that the deadline

to file the Petition for Panel Rehearing or Rehearing En Banc be extended by 90

days. The parties will notify the Court if any additional extensions are warranted

because settlement discussions are ongoing.

Respectfully submitted

Dated: May 4, 2022

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s/ Sarah Wilson (with permission) Dated: May 4, 2022

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